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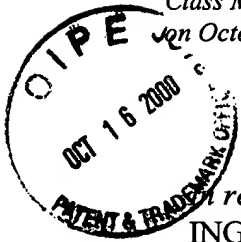
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re application of:  
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For: STEERABLE MEDICAL PROBE  
WITH STYLETS

Group Art Unit: 3763  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Communication mailed September 26, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

15. (Amended) An assembly as recited in Claim [1] 14 further comprising means for deflecting said needle at an angle from a primary axis of said needle.

REMARKS

In response to the imposed restriction, Applicant elects the species of FIGS. 23-27. As noted in the application, for example on Page 28 at lines 8-14, the embodiment shown in FIGS. 23-27 has similarities to other embodiments previously disclosed in the application. In addition, the embodiment shown in FIGS. 23-27 incorporates components previously disclosed in the application.

Claims 14-30 read on the species disclosed in FIGS. 23-27, as well as other species disclosed in the application.

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